

Generous Billings

Hart-Albin Company	1,500.00
Billings Hardware Co.	1,500.00
L. C. Babcock	1,500.00
E. W. Bentley	1,500.00
T. J. McDonough	1,500.00
T. A. Smith	1,000.00
Brown Clothing Co.	1,000.00
W. M. Johnson	1,000.00
Billings Brewing Co.	500.00
J. M. Sawyer	500.00
T. S. Simpson	500.00
Thomas Arthur	500.00
Brookway Real Estate Co.	500.00
Backwood Brown	500.00
Hart A. Snyder	500.00
Montana Fire Ins. Co.	500.00
Matheson & Vestmaburg	500.00
Ray A. Covert	500.00
H. M. Allen	500.00
Lee Simpson	500.00
Shoemaker & Stevenson	500.00
O. K. Grimstad	500.00
J. R. Vase	500.00
V. W. Fowler	500.00
David Bow	500.00
Soren, Hardwarf Co.	500.00
Charles, Hartberg Co.	500.00
T. C. Armbrage	500.00
Chas. E. Verity	500.00
F. E. Halsey	500.00
Galettes Printing Co.	500.00
A. J. McIntyre & Co.	500.00
N. E. Martin	500.00
Leah T. Jones	500.00
J. W. Vambon	500.00
John F. Fischer	500.00
W. H. McCormick	500.00
Walker H. Smith	500.00
Leon Shaw	500.00
E. C. Howell	500.00
J. W. Nelson	500.00
Paul H. Doyle	500.00
A. J. Miller	500.00
C. C. Wells	500.00
M. N. Collins	500.00
Joe Schwartz	500.00
Miss Layton	500.00
E. K. Thomas	500.00
W. W. Gail	500.00
Max Ho Wolf	500.00
Zoe Kohl	500.00
Total	31,840.00

The above list contains the subscribers to the fund being raised in Billings with which to purchase seed and feed for needy and starving farmers of Yellowstone county, but who have not established a bank credit and who only through some such aid can bring about that increased average of food crops which will stand between this section and starvation this winter.

The subscriptions were announced at a luncheon at the Northern hotel yesterday under the auspices of the Yellowstone county council of defense, appointed by Governor E. V. Stewart. Perhaps the plan of the council and manner of collecting subscriptions will bear mention. It is not a charitable proposition. Every farmer given assistance will be required to sign a note secured by a crop lien for the amount of the advance furnished. Consequently, if he a reasonable interest that a major portion of the loans made farmers. If signed not the entire amount will be refunded by the recipients this fall. It is only in case for this deficit that the guarantee subscriptions are sought. The total loss will be divided proportionately among the subscribers in the so-called transfer or guarantee note which they sign. It is estimated that this loss under no circumstances will exceed 50 percent, so that if a person subscribes for \$100, his loss would be only \$50. Again, it is required to make no cash advance through at this time; in fact, no demand will be made until after the loss has been determined this fall. Thus, in essence, a subscriber is simply advancing his credit to assist those who otherwise cannot put in an added acreage this spring.

The council is anxious to secure additional subscriptions to the list. It has collected a carload of wheat, one of oats and two of potatoes, and delivery of these will begin soon. The wheat and potatoes are not available, but the sale must come from Washington.

Today members of the council will make a survey of the business section, seeking additional subscribers. The need for more credit is imperative if Yellowstone county is to avoid itself of the opportunity now presented. Be ready for them, with a piece for a sum commensurate with your financial condition. It is a duty you owe your country, yourself and humanity.

The council is also desirous of securing options on any and all lands of grain and forage, and anyone having these or knowing of their existence will confer a favor by communicating with it at the Chamber of Commerce building, Billings. It is realized that a great deal will have to be imported to meet the demand, but there are trucking lines which could be served in splendid advantage if the seed and feed could be secured more readily.

War Time Effort: RB and Grimstad make cash loan to farmers.

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